How to NOT Win Friends and Influence People

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Luke 14:25-33

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

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26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

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The word "hate" in verse 26 comes from the Greek word "miseo".

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Definition: "to love someone or something less; or to renounce one choice in favor of another."

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Luke 14:27

27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

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Luke 14:28-30

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

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29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

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30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

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Luke 14:31-33

31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

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32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

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33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." (ESV)

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Matthew 10:29-39

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

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30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

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31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

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33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

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35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

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36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

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37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

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38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

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39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (ESV)

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James 2:18-23

18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe-and shudder!

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20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

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21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

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22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

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23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"-and he was called a friend of God." (ESV)

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Matthew 7:21-23

21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

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23 And then will I declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness." (ESV)

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John 14:12-15

12 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes (trust) in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

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13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (ESV)